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SUBJECT: TANZANIA NAMES NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA

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1. IN DIPLOMATIC RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED MAR 2, PRES NYERERE NAMED MICHAEL LUKUMBUZYA AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA, REPLACING FREDERICK RUTAKYAMIRWA WHO IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED POST IN DAR ES SALAAM. LUKUMBUZYA HAS BEEN SERVING AS TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN SINCE 1968, WITH ACCREDITATION TO THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES AS WELL.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS AMPLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (SEE E.G., REF B) ON LUKUMBUZYA, WHO WAS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES FROM 1965-68. WE HAVE POUCHED MATERIALS AVAILABLE HERE TO OTTAWA.

3. LUKUMBUZYA IS A SENIOR TANZANIAN DIPLOMAT, WHO WAS AT ONE TIME TALKED ABOUT AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER. THE CANADIAN ASSIGNMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, IN TANZANIAN EYES, BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE CANADIAN AID PROGRAM HERE, BUT OTTAWA IS STILL A BIT OF A COMEDOWN AFTER STOCKHOLM AND WASHINGTON.

4. THOUGH A POOR ADMINISTRATOR, KUKUMBUZYA IS A SELF-ASSURED
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AND POLISHED DIPLOMAT, VERY ACTIVE IN MAKING CONTACTS IN THE

COMMUNITY. HE IS SENSITIVE TO RACIAL SLURS, AND RESENTS
PATRONIZING BY WHITES. RATHER TRUCULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN
WHEN HE FIRST WENT TO WASHINGTON, HE EMERGED WITH A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING AND A MUCH MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE THEN WHEN
HE ARRIVED.
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